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**Federal Railroad
Administration**

**Railroad Safety Advisory Committee
Task Statement:
Track Safety Standards**

Task No.: 07-01

Date presented to the RSAC: February 22, 2007

Purpose:

To consider specific improvements to the Track Safety Standards or other responsive actions, supplementing work already underway on continuous welded rail (CWR).

Description:

- Review controls applied to reuse of rail in CWR ("plug rail").
- Review the issue of cracks emanating from bond wire attachments.
- Consider improvements in the Track Safety Standards related to fastening of rail to concrete ties.
- Ensure a common understanding within the regulated community concerning requirements for internal rail flaw inspections.
- Recommend other enhancements or corrections to the Track Safety Standards, as needed.

Issues requiring specific report:

The committee should consider, and specifically report on, issues presented in the description above.

Source:

National Transportation Safety Board Recommendations R-02-05, R-05-01, R-06-19;
FRA investigations

Refer to/establish following working group: Track Safety Standards Working Group

Target Date:

Disposition:

Date: